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WEB portal for Crop Insurance
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop a web protal for all the States to provide land record data to financial institutions to bring reforms in the field of crop insurance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to amend the premium rates of Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS) to bring reforms in the crop insurance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): As per provisions of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) Government has already conceptualized and designed a web portal for Crop Insurance (www.agri-insurance.gov.in) to integrate all the stakeholders viz. farmers, insurance companies, financial institutions and Government agencies on single IT platform to ensure better administration, coordination, transparency and for getting real time information and better monitoring of the schemes. It is also proposed to eventually seed it with land records, as and when this data is available digitally. The idea behind developing a web-based, integrated IT solution is to speed up service delivery, unify fragmented databases, enable single viewing of data, eliminate manual processes and thus provide insurance services to farmers faster than before. Based on the provisions of the scheme detailed modalities/software are being develop in consultation with the different stakeholders.

(c) & (d): Government has recently reviewed the erstwhile Crop Insurance Schemes including Modified National Agriculture Insurance Scheme (MNAIS) and introduced yield based Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and weather index based Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) from Kharif 2016 to provide financial support to farmers suffering crop loss/damage arising out of natural calamities, to stabilize the income of farmers etc. Under PMFBY & WBCIS, the premium payable by farmers has been substantially reduced and simplified and there is one premium rate on pan-India basis for farmers which would be maximum 1.5%, 2% and 5% for all Rabi, Kharif and annual horticultural/commercial crops, respectively.

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